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SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) EXPERTS GROUP

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL A, WE AGAIN APPROACHED FONOFF (FONTANA GIUSTI) TO URGE ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN ROB EXPERTS GROUP. WE NOTED THAT BELGIAM INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE LEAVES US AND SWEDISH EXPERTS AS ONLY WEO PARTICIPANTS AND THUS CREATES URGENT NEED FOR AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL WESTERN EXPERT. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT EXPERTISE DESIRED IS PRIMARILY IN TECHNICAL AREA AND NEED NOT BE
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CONFINED TO EXPERIENCE WITH MILITARY BUDGETS OR BE CONNECTED WITH GOVT SERVICE.

2. IN REPLY FONTANA MADE SAME POINTS AS IN REFTTEL B CONCERNING DIFFICULTY IN IDENTIFYING QUALIFIED EXPERT AND ESPECIALLY SOMEONE WHO COULD BE SPARED FOR ANY EXTENDED PERIOD FROM HIS NORMAL WORK. FONTANA ALSO TOUCHED AGAIN ON ITALIAN DOUBTS AS TO THE UTILITY OF EXPERTS GROUP BUT STRESSED THAT MAIN PROBLEM WAS AVAILABILITY OF EXPERT. NOTWITHSTANDING THESE CONSIDERATIONS, HE PROMISED TO RENEW HIS SEARCH FOR QUALIFIED EXPERT, LOOKING BOTH AT GOVT AND PRIVATE PROSPECTS, BUT HE STATED FRANKLY THAT HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC HE COULD FIND SOMEONE. VOLPE

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